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The following Polish units and installations are stationed at Elblag (Elbing) and are shown on the attached sketch.

1. The barracks on ul. Saperow accommodate the following units:
  - a. Tank school, [ ] one battalion, divided into 4 companies: 3 training companies and 1 supply company. The 1st Company trains personnel as tank commanders. Recruits accepted for this training must have matriculated. At the conclusion of their compulsory service, they will probably be obliged to remain in military service and will receive officers' commissions. The schooling with recruit training lasts one year. The 2nd Company trains tank and assault gun drivers. This instruction together with recruit training lasts about one year. The 3rd Company gives instruction for tank gunners (dzialonowy czolgu). The instruction with recruit training lasts about one year. The commandant of the tank school is a major (a Soviet).
  - b. An antiaircraft artillery battalion with 85 mm. guns (on four-wheeled platform). The officers and men of this battalion wear on their caps the black cap bands of the tank forces.
  - c. A signal battalion; the officers and men of this battalion also wear black cap bands on their caps.
  - d. The garrison military prison is also located in these barracks.
2. The barracks on ul. Armii Czerwonej (formerly called ul. Krolewiecka) accommodate :

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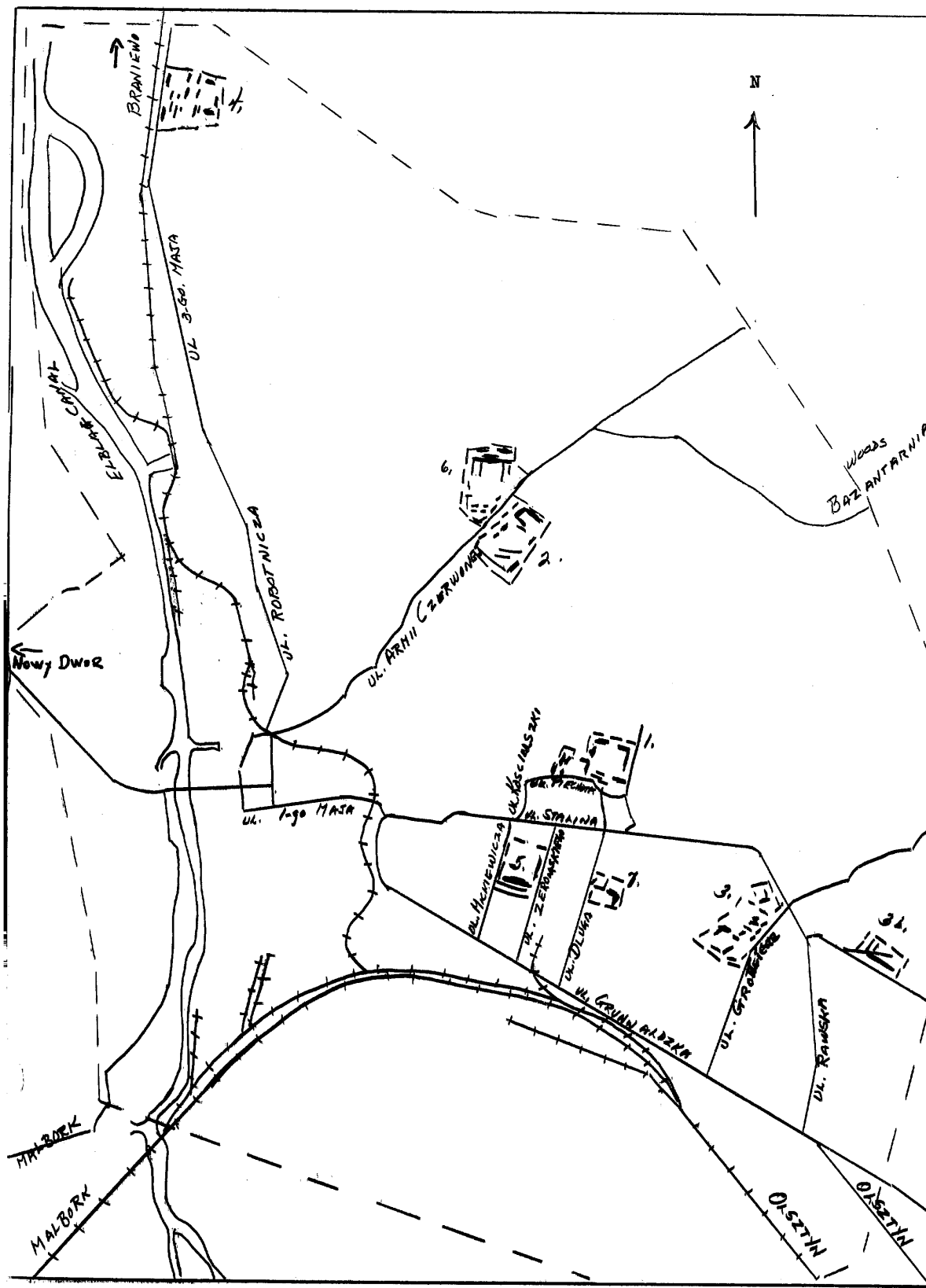
- a. A Polish tank unit, probably a tank regiment; about 60 tanks (type unknown) were observed.
  - b. A large tank repair workshop. Capt. Engineer SIADEK is employed at this workshop as assistant of the technical manager of the works.
3. The barracks on ul. Stalina and ul. Grottgiera accommodate:
- a. A Polish tank unit, probably a regiment.
  - b. Garages for the tanks of this unit are situated about 400 m. east of the barracks. These garages (one single-story stone building) are built in a semicircle and have a length of about 200 m. About 60 to 80 tanks (type not identified) were seen at this place.
4. The Northern Barracks (Koszary Polnocne) accommodate:
- a. A Polish tank unit, probably a regiment. About 60 to 80 tanks were observed (type not identified).
  - b. An engineer unit, probably a battalion. Men of this unit wear red cap bands.
5. A building, which is located on ul. Krasinskiego, between ul. Mickiewicza and ul. Saperowa, contains:
- a. The Garrison Commandants' Office.
  - b. A headquarters, said to be the headquarters of a division. It has been ascertained that a general (Soviet officer in Polish uniform, speaking Polish with a Russian accent) on several occasions inspected the tank school as well as other units at Elblag. It is therefore assumed that this is the headquarters of a tank division and this surmise may account for the considerable concentration of tank units at Elblag. It has also been ascertained that men of the tank forces who have finished their training at the tank school on ul. Saperow were transferred to the tank units at Braniewo (Braunsberg) or Sztum (Stuhm), south of Malbork. It may therefore be assumed that the units at Braniewo and Sztum have an organizational connection with the units at Elblag. The tank units of the Elblag garrison go for their summer camp to the military training ground of Drawsko (Dramburg/Pommern).
6. The barracks on ul. Armii Czerwonej accommodate an Infantry Officers' Cadet School. About 10 companies of officer-cadets were seen during a march out of the school.
7. The garrison hospital is on ul. Długa.

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Barracks in Elblag (Elbing)



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